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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO APPEAL DECISION

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Sir:

In response to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences Decision on Appeal dated June 30, 2004, please consider the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 and the Remarks begin on page 5.

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